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Statement from Sen. Van Woerkom on governor's State of the State address

LANSING — Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, issued the following statement regarding the governor's State of the State address:

"I liked many of the governor's ideas tonight for improving education. To succeed in the 21st century global economy, young people must have world-class training. Already we in the Legislature have begun examining statewide graduation requirements that would make our state a national leader in requiring more math and science. Better standards helps students obtain a degree after high school, whether at a community college or a four-year university. That knowledge will help them to be the successful work force of tomorrow."

Van Woerkom will host a Senate Education Committee hearing next week in Muskegon to allow local parents, educators and others to comment on the graduation requirements proposal.

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